

Legislative Update
Renewable Energy Council
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Two bills have been introduced specifically related to the Renewable Energy Program:

Senate Bill 2014 – This is the appropriation bill for the Industrial Commission and those entities that are overseen by the Industrial Commission. Included in this bill is an appropriation of \$5,000,000 from the General Fund for the Renewable Energy Program. SB 2014 has passed the Senate and is to be heard by the Government Operations Division of the House Appropriations Committee.

Senate Bill 2129 – This is the bill to combine the Renewable Energy Fund and the Biomass Incentive and Research Fund. Also contained in this bill are some provisions to combine the two programs and some “housekeeping” language in the law. The Senate made a few changes to what we had originally proposed and it passed the Senate 44-3.

There are a number of other bills that relate to renewable energy issues but these are the only two that deal directly with the program.